

\$82 Million Sought for Transportation

Two Montgomery County Council Members yesterday proposed spending \$82 million over three years on state road projects and transit programs in the county.

Steven A. Silverman (D-At Large) and Nancy Floreen (D-At Large) said they would seek council approval to use \$80 million in revenue bonds, starting in fiscal 2007, to help pay for projects that the state has been slow to finance. Among the projects are the improvement of the interchange of Route 355 and Montrose Parkway and the widening of Route 124 from Midcounty Highway to Airpark Road in Gaithersburg.

Silverman and Floreen also want money for transit, including \$1 million for the county's Freewheeling Days program, which offers free Ride On bus service on selected routes in congested areas. Another \$1 million would go to the Super Fare Share program, which helps participating employers provide fare subsidies over five years to employees who use mass transit.

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